



New Castle Crier

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City teams up to evaluate dikes

The City has been meeting with local and State officials to evaluate the four dikes and establish an action plan for short- and long-term maintenance. Residents can see what has been discussed so far and find out much more about the dikes at the following Web site: www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/coastal/Pages/CityofNewCastle.aspx.

The City is protected by four centuries-old dike structures: Buttonwood Dike, Broad Marsh Dike, Gambacorta Marsh Dike and Army Creek Dike. After an initial assessment, it was apparent that ensuring the structural integrity of the dikes was key to ensuring their capacity to protect the City against the impacts of coastal storms and rising sea levels. Look for upcoming meetings of the New Castle Dike Management Advisory Committee in local media and on the City and/or dike Web site (address above).

Election Results

Mayor: Donald A. Reese

Council President:
William J. Barthel

Council Members:
John Cochran
John Gaworski, Jr.
Ted Megginson
Teel Petty

City Clerk:
Michael Dickinson

City Treasurer: Janet Carlin

New Castle Events

Half Longerber and **Half Vera Bradley Bingo**

Friday, May 6 at the Fire Hall

401 South Street • Sponsored by the
Good Will Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary
Doors open at 6 p.m., Games begin at 7 p.m.
\$20 for Twenty Games

Must be at least 18 years old.

Also for sale: 50/50's, chance items, extra
game cards and refreshments. For more
information contact Colleen 995-1137.

Day In Old New Castle

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the
Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green
Adults: \$15 before May 21 or \$20 at the event
Children (7 to 12): \$5

Proceeds benefit the Friends of the
New Castle Library and Immanuel Church.
For more information call: 1-877-496-9498.

May Market

Friday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Market Square at Delaware and 2nd Streets
Sponsored by the Arasapha Garden Club

Old New Castle Run

Saturday, June 4, 8 to 11 a.m.

Begins at St. Peter's School,
New Castle at 5th and Harmony Streets
www.oldnewcastlerun.com

Start Times: 8 a.m. for 5 Mile Run

9:10 a.m. FREE Kiddie K Run

9:15 a.m. 2 Mile Run/Walk

There will be food, drinks,
music and activities for kids.

And for the second year, there
will be a motorcycle ride after the run!

Proceeds placed in the
Elizabeth A. Loncki Scholarship Fund.
For more information contact Jim Steele at
302-530-7274 or jimsteele8@comcast.net.

New Castle - The First Capital City!

New Castle Community Wellness Initiative

Community Wellness Assessment

The New Castle Community Wellness Initiative assessments are underway and preliminary information is coming in!

A walkability and bikeability assessment was conducted. Two teams of community volunteers divided up to review and document conditions for bicyclists, walkers and joggers along the Route 9 corridor heading north out of the historic city center and from the center to the Industrial Track Greenway/Heritage Trail and back toward the city center. Some of the key findings include:

- Lack of connections for bicyclists and pedestrians from outlying residential developments, such as Boothurst and Buttonwood.
- Limited crossing facilities at Route 273 for the Industrial Track Greenway/Heritage Trail,

which will limit the full potential of two great bike and pedestrian connections to New Castle.

Additional technical analysis is being conducted to supplement the "on-the-ground" work done by volunteers, which will focus on land use and on larger scale connections and linkages between destinations across the community.

A survey of residents was conducted on Election Day and is ongoing through May. The two page survey asked questions about the person's general health habits, knowledge, and preferences about what kind of additional support folks would like to have. **Your participation would be appreciated.** You can find the survey on the City's Web site on the Wellness Initiative page and can submit a completed hard copy to the City Administrative Offices or e-mail to: atrabelsi@delawaregreenways.org.

In addition to helping develop a baseline picture of the health habits of community members, the survey gives community members an opportunity to share thoughts on needs and opportunities for community improvements that will help enable healthier lifestyles.

For more information about the initiative or to get involved, contact Andrea Trabelsi at the above address or by phone at 302-655-7275.

Apply now for property tax exemptions

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the minimum. The last day to apply is June 15th.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life in the City of New Castle by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. This includes working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081. Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at: www.NewCastleCity.org.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

This month's highlights and general reminders...

- Now is the time to attend to the exterior of properties: yard maintenance, exterior repairs, painting, fences, etc.
- Keep garbage in secure containers. Limit the volume of trash by recycling. Do not store trash in the front area of properties. Remove containers for trash, recycling and yard waste from pickup location within the required times.

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., May 10 at
Town Hall

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

**With No Trash Pickup
Monday, May 30**

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule

Orig. Pickup	Rev. Pickup
Mon., 5/30	Tues. 5/31
Tues., 5/31	Wed. 6/1